(a) whether government have received any complaints to the effect that certain families have cornered a number of private bus-permits under (i) red line bus system (STA), (ii) DTC operation, (iii) the white-blue line bus system (STA) and other schemes: and

(b) if so, what steps have been and are proposed to be taken to break such monopolies and enforce socialisation of the bus-permit system in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some complaints of this nature had been received by the STA.

(b) On enquiry, it was found that the complaint was not tenable.

Development of National Highways

4155. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the National Highways which are already completed so far;

(b) the names of the National Highways completed so far and what is the percentage of completion in each case;

(c) the names of the new National Highways which are proposed to be taken up for the construction during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) what steps proposed to be taken to complete works of the incomplete National Highways at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a), (b) and (d) There are 77 Nos. of National Highways in the Country with a total length of 34,058 kms. The development of National Highways is a continuous process. Improvement works are taken up on all National Highways depending upon the availability of funds.

(c) Due to meagre allocations, no new National Highway is proposed to be declared at present.

Non-utilisation of SCICI Loans

@4155A. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of loans sanctioned by SCICI to the deep-sea fishing sector for purchase of trawlers which has not been utilised;

(b) names of units which have been sanctioned loans for trawler purchase which has not been released:

(c) details of units, amount sanctioned, amount released; and

(d) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Loans sanctioned to 27 deep-sea fishing companies by Shipping Credit and Investment Corporation of India have been cancelled.

(b) The information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The total assistance sanctioned and subsequently cancelled to these 27 units amounts to Rs. 47.89 crores and there were no disbursements.

(d) The reasons for non-utilisation of loans were that promoters lost interest in project due to lower catches of operating vessels, industrial relation problems etc., their inability to raise equity of the desired order; increase in vessel prices by the Shipyards and escalation in vessel cost due to devaluation.

@ Previously Unstarred question 3705, transferred from 24-8-1993.

Statement

Names of the 27 Units where assistance has been cancelled by SCICI, are given below :

1. Southern Sea Crafts Ltd.
2. Sesa Goa Ltd.
3. K-Shipyard Ltd.
4. Dana Shipping Ltd.
5. Cholamandal Shipping Co. P. Ltd.
6. Seagull Seafoods Ltd.
7. Bali Cold Storage P. ltd.
8. Coral Seafoods Ltd.
9. Shah Seafoods Ltd.
10. Motherland Ocean Products Ltd.
11. Indamar Fisheries P. Ltd.
12. Young Fisheries P. Ltd.
13. Oceanic Enterprisers and Development Ltd.